



Office of the City Manager

MEMORANDUM

Date: August 11, 2009
To: Mayor and City Council
Through: Donna Dreska, City Manager
From: Sue Schlerf, Assistant City Manager
Maureen McKissick, Grant and Fund Development Manager
Subject: Updates re the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

In addition to the notification that the City has received a COPS Hiring Grant, the following ARRA-related developments have also occurred:

1. The Reno Police Department has received authorization from the U.S. Department of Justice to start expending the \$440,000 that was awarded through ARRA's Justice Assistance Grant program (JAG).
2. The Reno Housing Authority, in partnership with the HOME Consortium (Reno, Sparks and Washoe County), submitted a competitive application for \$20,994,000 for the second round of Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funding from HUD. The ARRA authorized an additional \$2 billion for the NSP program, which was originally funded in October 2008 for \$3.92 billion. Staff understands that the Clark County collaborative submitted an application for approximately \$350 million. HUD is expected to announce the awards on September 30, 2009.
3. PRCS' Arts and Culture Program has been awarded a \$5,017 grant from the Nevada Arts Council, which received approximately \$300,000 through ARRA's National Endowment for the Arts program. The City will use the grant to fund personnel whose hours were cut from the Gallery Operations and Public Arts Maintenance budget.
4. Starting August 10, 2009, the City will start implementing some of the retrofitting projects being funded with Recovery Act energy block grants. Staff in Public Works has been working with APSES, the City's energy-services company, and NV Energy to implement

Phase I of the energy projects that Council approved last March.

5. City staff is working closely with staff in the State of Nevada Controller's Office to ensure that local and statewide ARRA reporting efforts are aligned. There are issues of technology and cross-departmental coordination which need to be resolved in order for information to flow up to the State and then on to the federal government. The first reporting period under the ARRA ends on September 30 and reports must be submitted within 10 days. City staff will continue to work with the State so that ARRA reporting runs as smoothly as possible.